

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
Library Instruction Round Table  
Louisville, Kentucky  
September 19, 2012

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### Report

In an effort to revitalize active participation, the KLA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) held its first instruction retreat on June 8, 2012 at Transylvania University. Approximately forty instruction librarians from across the state attended this one-day professional development event, which featured presentations from Eastern Kentucky University (Emily Aldridge and Heather Beirne; Clay Howard and Nicole Montgomery), Northern Kentucky University (Andrea Brooks and Robert Zai), the University of Kentucky (Dr. Lisa O'Connor; Debbie Sharp and Judy Wiza), and the University of Louisville (Rob Detmering and Anna Marie Johnson; Toccara Porter). Presenters focused on topics such as active learning, assessment, and best practices in higher education. For more information, see the online presentation materials at <https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat/presentations>

The small-scale nature of the retreat allowed for extensive interaction among the participants throughout the day, as we discussed how to best meet the information literacy needs of students, faculty, and other library users. It was a great opportunity to not only learn about our colleagues' creative and diverse approaches to information literacy but also reflect on our shared goals and challenges as instruction librarians in Kentucky. Given this initial success, we hope to make the retreat an annual, low-cost event that rotates to different institutions year to year. We'll be brainstorming ideas for the next retreat in the near future.

LIRT would like to extend special thanks to Lisa Nichols (Transylvania University) and Helen Bischoff (Georgetown College) for their efforts in planning the retreat, as well as Trenia Napier (Eastern Kentucky University), Nicole Montgomery (Eastern Kentucky University), and Cathy Branson (Hazard Community and Technical College) for their significant contributions.

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In 2012-2013, Trena Napier will serve at LIRT Chair, with Rob Detmering as Past Chair. A new Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected during the round table breakfast at the fall KLA conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, KLA-LIRT

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